Rural Electrification in Assam

1863. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of electrified villages and households in the North-Eastern State, especially in Assam;

(b) the reasons for poor rate of growth in electrifying the villages and households; and

(c) the target year, if any, for completion of 100 per cent village and households electrification as envisioned in the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) Village electrification level in the eight North-Eastern States was 73.32% as on 31.3.2005. As regards, level of households electrification, these States have reported electrification of 24.26% as on 31.3.2004. The level of village electrification and households electrification in Assam was 75.95% and 16.54% respectively as per 2001 Census. The State-wise status of village electrification and households electrification in these eight North-Eastern States is given in the enclosed Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) The pace of village and households electrification in these States has been slow mainly because of:

(i) State Power Utilities were reluctant to take up rural electrification, as it is non remunerative and leads to more losses.

(ii) State Power utilities were in bad financial health and were unable to provide support to the schemes.

(iii) The State Power Utilities did not have adequate man-power in rural areas for maintenance of rural electricity infrastructure so created.

(iv) Funds did not reach the implementing agencies in time.

(v) The pace and direction of rural electrification was left to the states which had a decelerating effect on rural electrification.

(c) Under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) 100% electrification of villages and access to electricity to all rural households is intended to be completed by 2009.

Statement-I

State-wise status of Village and Household Electrification in North-Eastern states

Sl. No.	State	Total No. of inhabited villages as per 2001 census	Total No. of villages electrified as on 31.3.2005	Percentage of Electrified Villages as on 31.3.2005	Balance un-electrified Villages	Total No. of Rural House-holds	House-holds having Electricity as on 31.3.2004	Percentage of Electrified Households as on 31.3.2004	Balance Un-electrified Households
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	3863	2335	60.45%	1528	164501	73250	44.53%	91251
2.	Assam	25124	19081	75.95%	6043	4220173	697842	16.54%	3522331
3.	Manipur	2315	2043	88.25%	272	296354	155679	52.53%	140675
4.	Meghalaya	5782	3016	52.16%	2766	329678	99762	30.26%	229916
5.	Mizoram	707	691	97.74%	16	79362	35028	44.14%	44334
6.	Nagaland	1278	1216	95.15%	-	265334	150929	56.88%	114405
7.	Sikkim	450	405	90.00%	$	91723	68808	75.02%	22915
8.	Tripura	858	818	95.34%	40	539680	171357	31.75%	368323
	Total	40377	29605	73.32%	10665	5986805	1452655	24.26%	4534150

$ Balance villages are not feasible for electrification.

Source: CEA & Census Reports